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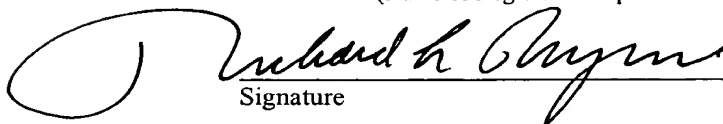
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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement, which includes a completed Form PTO-1449 and one copy of each reference listed thereon.

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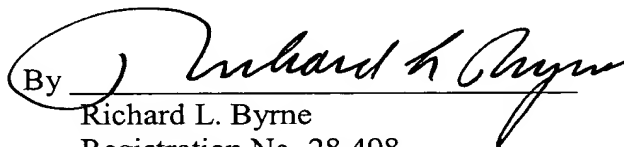
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), no fee is believed to be due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being submitted before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Nevertheless, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

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